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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 18, replace the second paragraph (lines 16-23) with the following amended paragraph rewritten in clean form:

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FIGURE 17 is a photograph illustrating the translation of myc RNA templates. The following linkers were used: lanes 1-4, dA<sub>27</sub>dCdCP (SEQ ID NO: 8); lanes 5-8, dA<sub>27</sub>rCrCP (SEQ ID NO: 8); and lanes 9-12, dA<sub>21</sub>C<sub>9</sub>C<sub>9</sub>dAdCdCP. In each lane, the concentration of RNA template was 600 nM, and <sup>35</sup>S-Met was used for labeling. Reaction conditions were as follows: lanes 1, 5, and 9, 30°C for 1 hour; lanes 2, 6, and 10, 30°C for 2 hours; lane 3, 7, and 11, 30°C for 1 hour, -20°C for 16 hours; and lanes 4, 8, and 12, 30°C for 1 hour, -20°C for 16 hours with 50 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup>. In this Figure, "A" represents free peptide, and "B" represent mRNA-peptide fusion.